

Wrentham Bowls Club

18th March 2024

For Wrentham Parish Annual Meeting

At the beginning a qualified coach, was invited to come along to the club for a morning to give some tuition and coaching on the game. Those members who attended were well impressed and it is planned to repeat this at the beginning of the coming season. We can all still learn!

We opened the Green on 23rd April 2023 with a Drive for the Geoff & Ann Sallows Memorial Shield and League matches commenced on 1st May.

Going on to the County competitions, Wrentham had good representation in the Area 'A' Semi Finals and Area 'A' Finals with the following:

Area Semi Finals

- 1 block in the 2 bowl rinks –
- 1 block in the 3 bowl rinks –
- 2 blocks in the Mixed rinks
- 2 x pairs
- 1 x Champion of Champions –
- 1 x senior pairs

In the Area Finals the next day

1 block in the Mixed rinks, 1 of the pairs; 1 of the Senior Pairs, and Champion of champions were successful which took them on to Ipswich & District Bowls Club for the County Semi Finals and Finals the following weekend. At the County finals the Mixed rinks and the Senior Pairs won their semi-finals but unfortunately, both missed out in the Final the next day.

Looking back over 2023 Wrentham Bowls Club had another very successful season

Benacre League Runners-up in Division I and in Division III Wrentham finished in the latter half of the table.

We did the double in the Beccles League - Winners of Division I –and also winners of the Stanley Johnson Cup which raised £400 and as the winner selects the Charity this was sent to Brain Tumour Trust

The green sunshine team finished in third place in Division II and the Blue team finished at the lower end of Division III. We finished third in the Halesworth League

We also won the Benacre League Easey Cup

We held our Annual Tournament at the end of May and our Member & Friends Tournament in early September. Both were hugely successful.

In November we held the club annual Dinner and Presentation Evening at the Masonic Hall in Lowestoft.

So many players from different Clubs complimented us on the Green during the season saying how well it looked and how well it bowled. This is all down to the Maintenance team. Not only do they look after the Green they do all the maintenance on the building and surrounding area.

This coming Season we are planning to have a FREE OPEN DAY. To book a slot just contact Fiona 01502 675560 fiona.e.anderson@gmail.com or Edna 01502 578311 e.utting@btinternet.com to register. The sessions are 3 – 4 pm; 4.30 to 5.30pm or 6 to 7 pm. Come and try your hand at bowling. Club Members will be available to give some coaching. **This is being held on 24th April.** All we ask is that you have flat soled shoes. We would love to welcome you to have a go.

On Tuesday mornings, weather permitting, we have an open session whereby members of the public can just come along and enjoy friendly bowling and a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. These roll-up sessions start at 9.45 am. Please bring a pair of flat-soled shoes; bowls can be lent. The first session starts on 21st April. We always welcome new members to join us and coaching is available to new bowlers.

Wrentham Bowls Club is a happy, contented and thriving Club and we are proud of what we have achieved at Wrentham.

For further information about any aspect of the Club or game of bowls, please contact Edna Utting by phone on 01502 578311 or email: e.utting@btinternet.com.